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IN THE UNITED S AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: RAFFINOSE SYNTHASE GENE,

METHOD FOR PRODUCING

RAFFINOSE, AND TRANSGENIC PLANT

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 11, 2002 and in conjunction with the Request for Reconsideration submitted herewith, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. For convenience, all of the pending claims are reproduced below.

- --13. (Amended) The DNA of claim 15, wherein the polypeptide having the ability to produce raffinose from sucrose and galatinol has the following properties:
 - (1) optimum pH: the ability has an optimum pH of about 6 to 8: